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Bare photos of fake 'Oswald'

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Review of Books has made public two photographs of a man who allegedly identified himself as Lee Harvey Oswald in contacting the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City in 1963.

The Warren Commission, investigating the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, reported that Lee Harvey Oswald visited both the Cuban and Soviet embassies in Mexico City in late September or early October, 1963.

But the man in the photographs released Monday by the New York Review of Books is not Lee Harvey Oswald.

In an article in the New York Review, George O'Toole and Bernard Fensterwald, who obtained release of the photographs through a suit under the Freedom of Information Act, cite Warren Commission documents reporting that a man who identified himself as Lee Oswald contacted the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City.

THE MAN, according to the Warren Commission documents, was described as about 35 years old, with an athletic build, about 6 feet tall and with a receding hairline. Oswald was 24 years old and of slight build.

One picture of the man subsequently was released. Fensterwald and O'Toole quote former CIA Director Richard Helms as saying the picture was taken in Mexico City on Oct. 4, 1963.

The two additional photographs, according to Fensterwald and O'Toole, also were taken by hidden CIA surveillance cameras that photographed persons entering or leaving Communist embassies.

This photo, released by the New York Review of Books, is said to show a man who identified himself as Lee Harvey Oswald in contacting the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City in 1963. (AP)

Fensterwald and O'Toole concluded that "if someone were trying to impersonate Oswald eight weeks before the assassination, the Warren Commission's theory of a lone assassin, unconnected with any conspiracy, is seriously undermined and the case should be reopened."

Winegrowers occupy church

MONTPELLIER, France (AP) — Thousands of southern French winegrowers, protesting imports of cheap Italian wine, fought with riot police Monday and occupied the Roman Catholic cathedral of St. Peter.

Most of a crowd of 5,000 winegrowers from the Montpellier region staged a sit-in in the cathedral. They said they would continue the occupation until the French government stops the imports.

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